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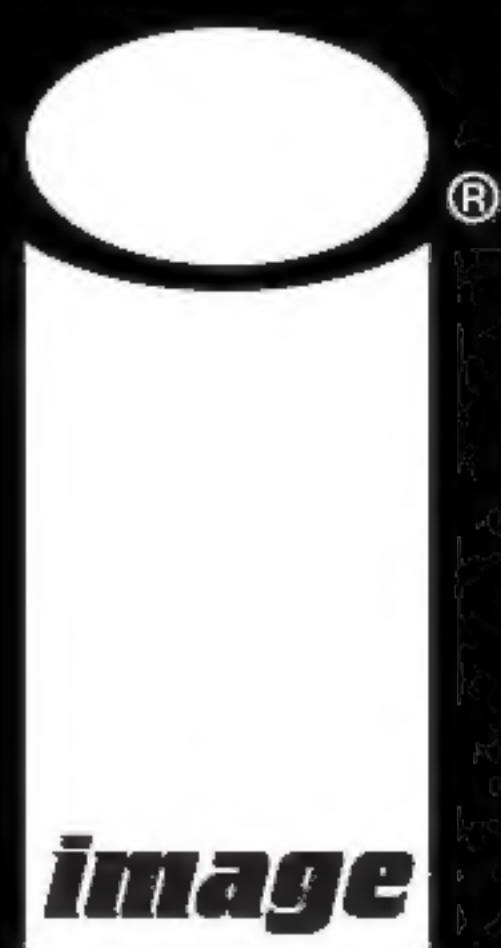


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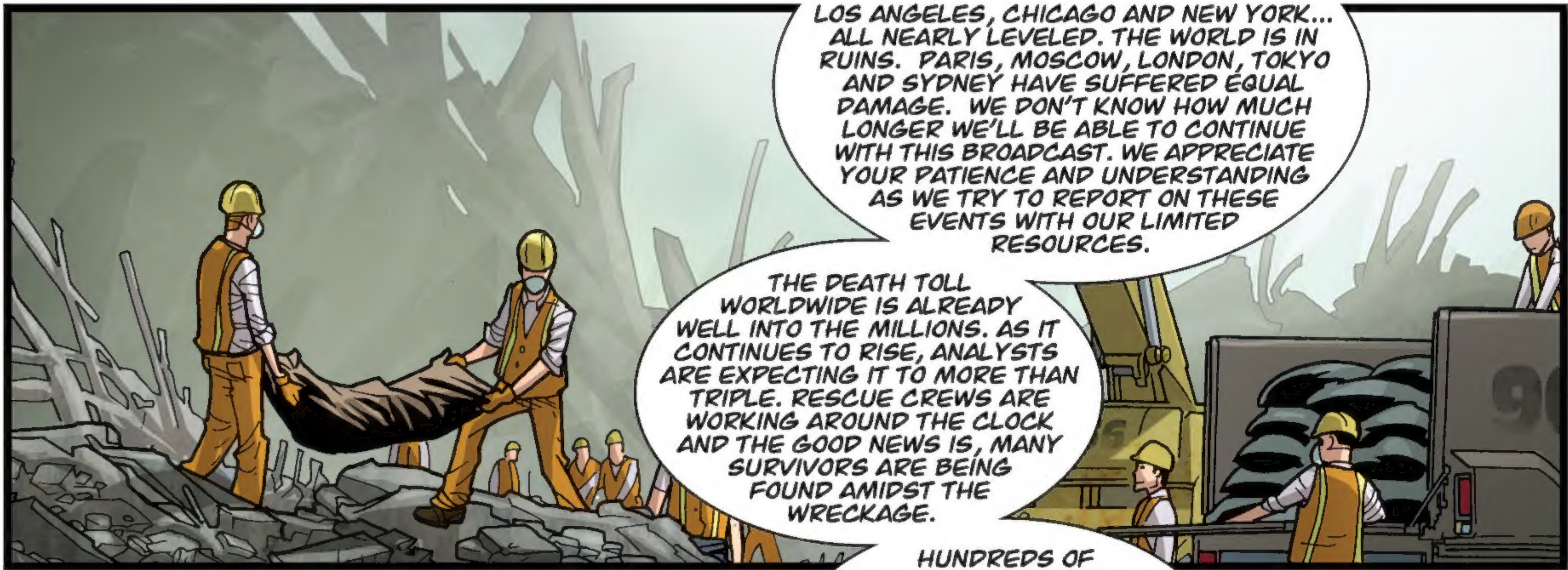
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LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO AND NEW YORK... ALL NEARLY LEVELLED. THE WORLD IS IN RUINS. PARIS, MOSCOW, LONDON, TOKYO AND SYDNEY HAVE SUFFERED EQUAL DAMAGE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THIS BROADCAST. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING AS WE TRY TO REPORT ON THESE EVENTS WITH OUR LIMITED RESOURCES.

THE DEATH TOLL WORLDWIDE IS ALREADY WELL INTO THE MILLIONS. AS IT CONTINUES TO RISE, ANALYSTS ARE EXPECTING IT TO MORE THAN TRIPLE. RESCUE CREWS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK AND THE GOOD NEWS IS, MANY SURVIVORS ARE BEING FOUND AMIDST THE WRECKAGE.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. MAKESHIFT REFUGEE CAMPS LIKE THIS ONE JUST OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY ARE SPRINGING UP ALL OVER THE WORLD.

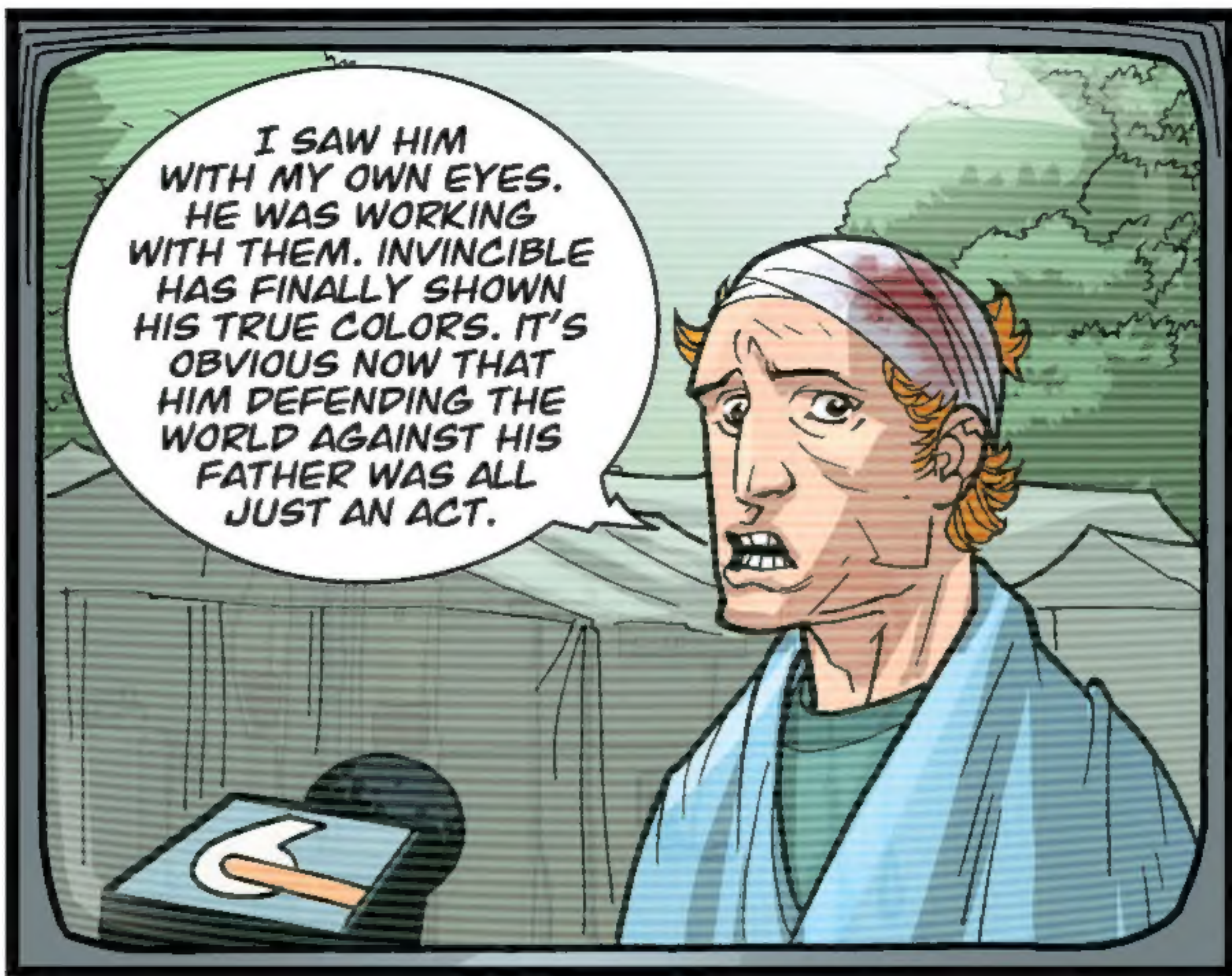
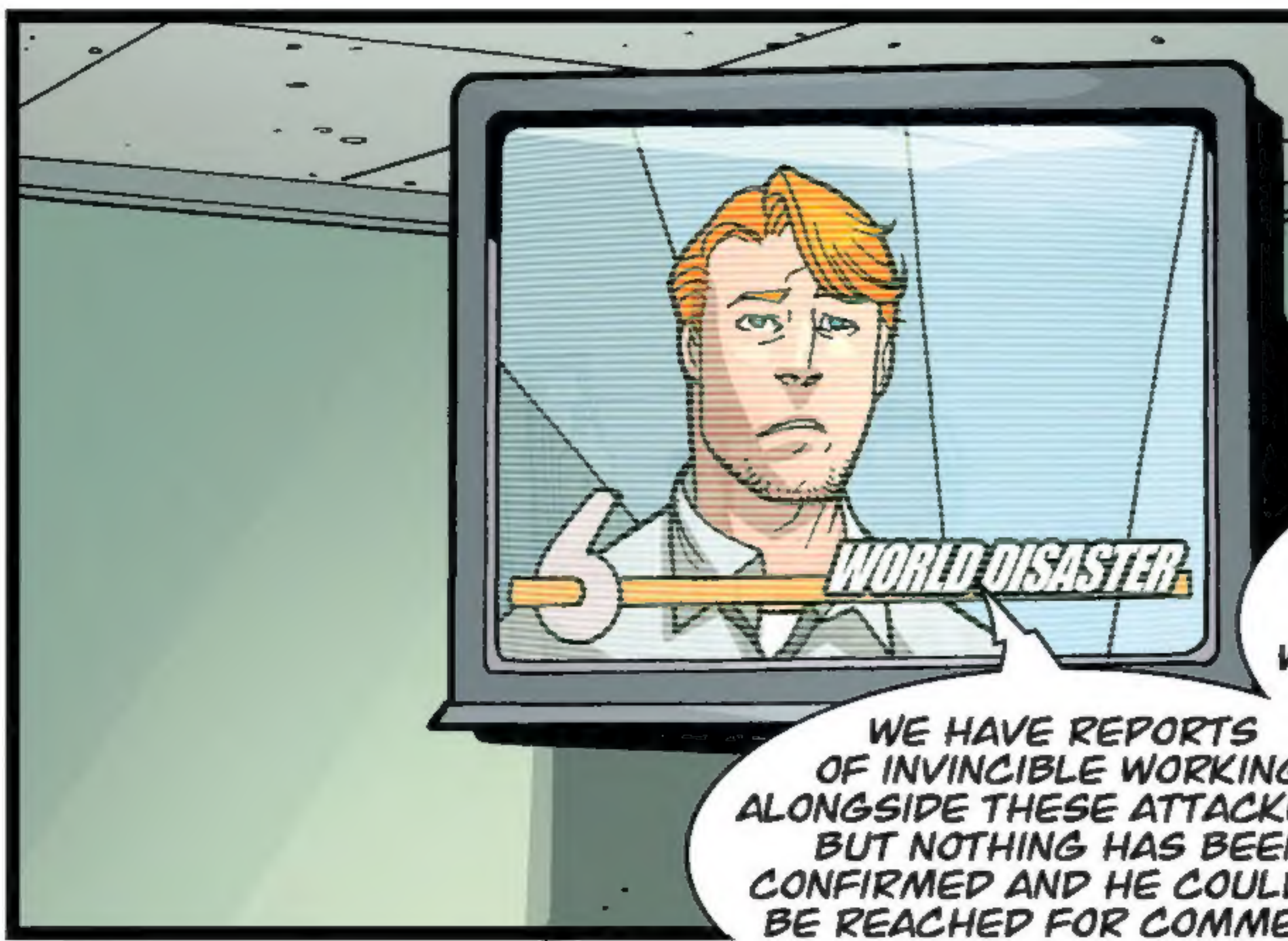
THE RED CROSS IS REPORTING THAT THIS DISASTER FAR EXCEEDS THEIR CAPABILITIES, AND THEY'RE ASKING FOR EVERY CITIZEN IN A POSITION TO HELP TO DO SO.

ALL OF THIS STILL LEAVES US WITH THE QUESTION-- WHY? WHY HAS THIS HAPPENED? WHILE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION MAY NEVER COME, THE ATTACKERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS MULTIPLE VERSIONS OF THE SUPERHERO KNOWN AS INVINCIBLE.

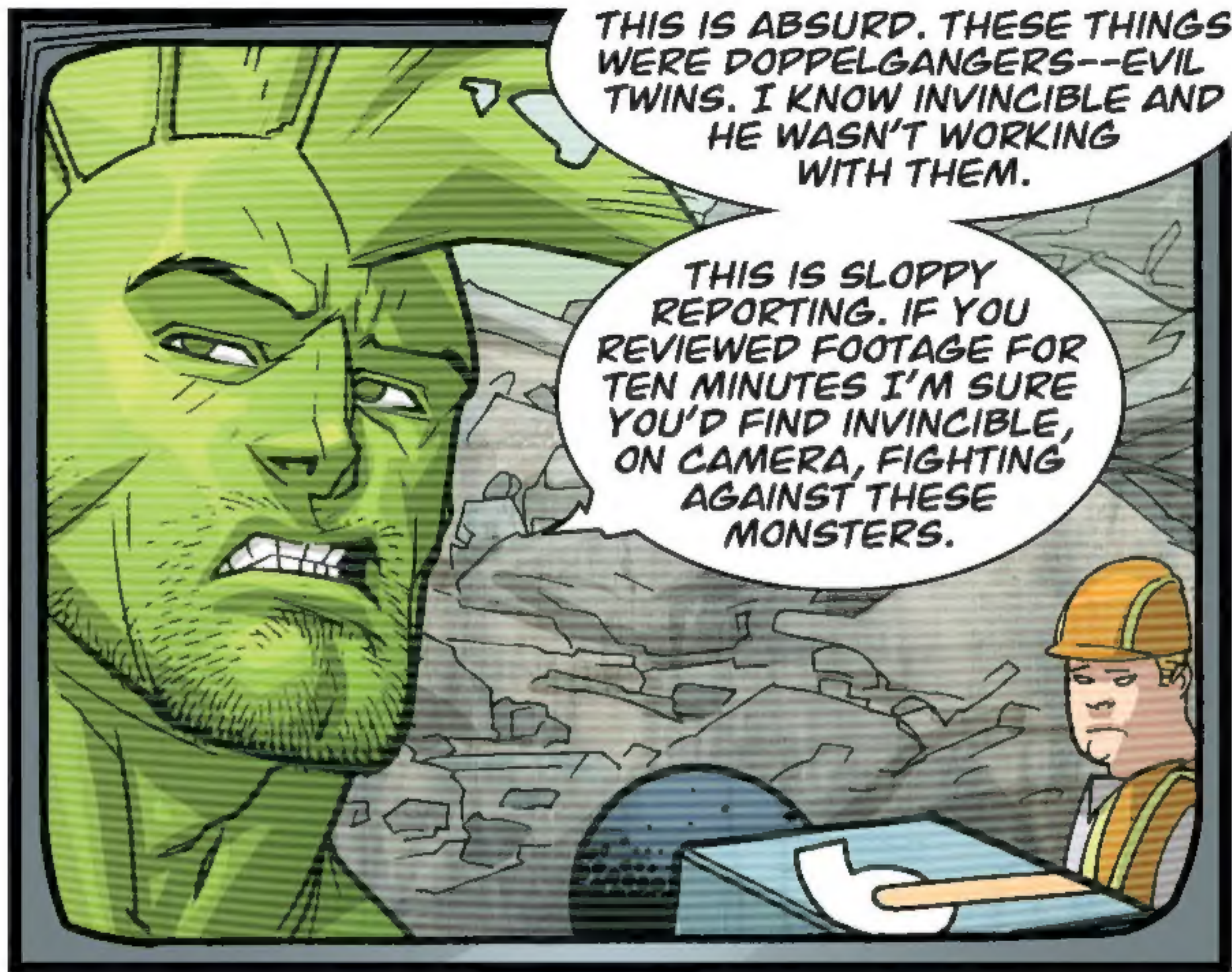
INVINCIBLE, AS EVERYONE WILL REMEMBER, WAS THE SON OF OMNI-MAN--THE SUPERHERO TURNED SUPER-VILLAIN WHO TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD UNTIL HE WAS THWARTED BY HIS SON AND THEN DISAPPEARED, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

SUSPICIONS HAVE ALWAYS RUN WILD WITH SOME BELIEVING INVINCIBLE WAS ACTUALLY WORKING WITH OMNI-MAN--WITH PLANS TO CONQUER THE WORLD AT A LATTER TIME.

WE HAVE REPORTS OF INVINCIBLE WORKING ALONGSIDE THESE ATTACKERS, BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AND HE COULDN'T BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

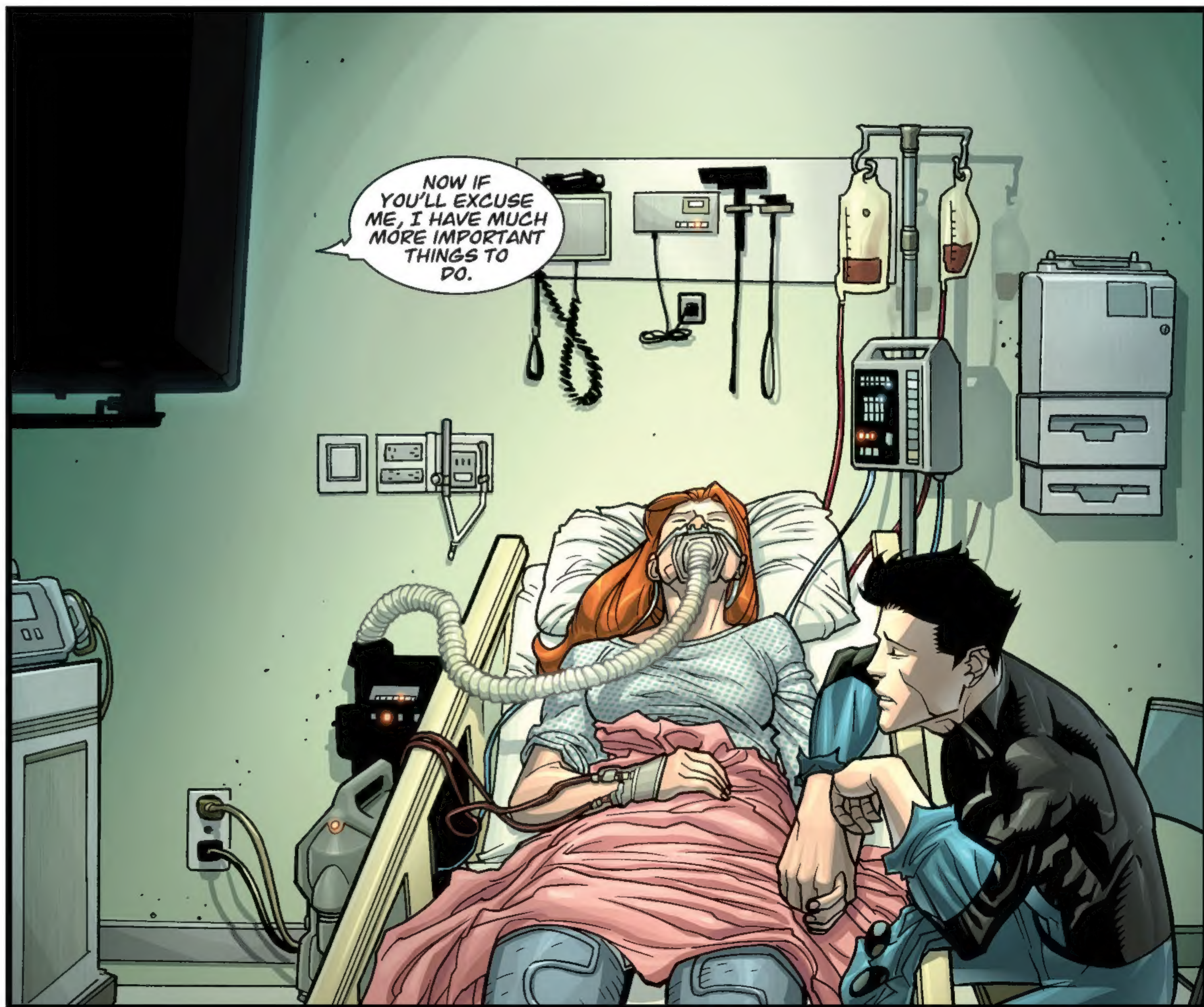


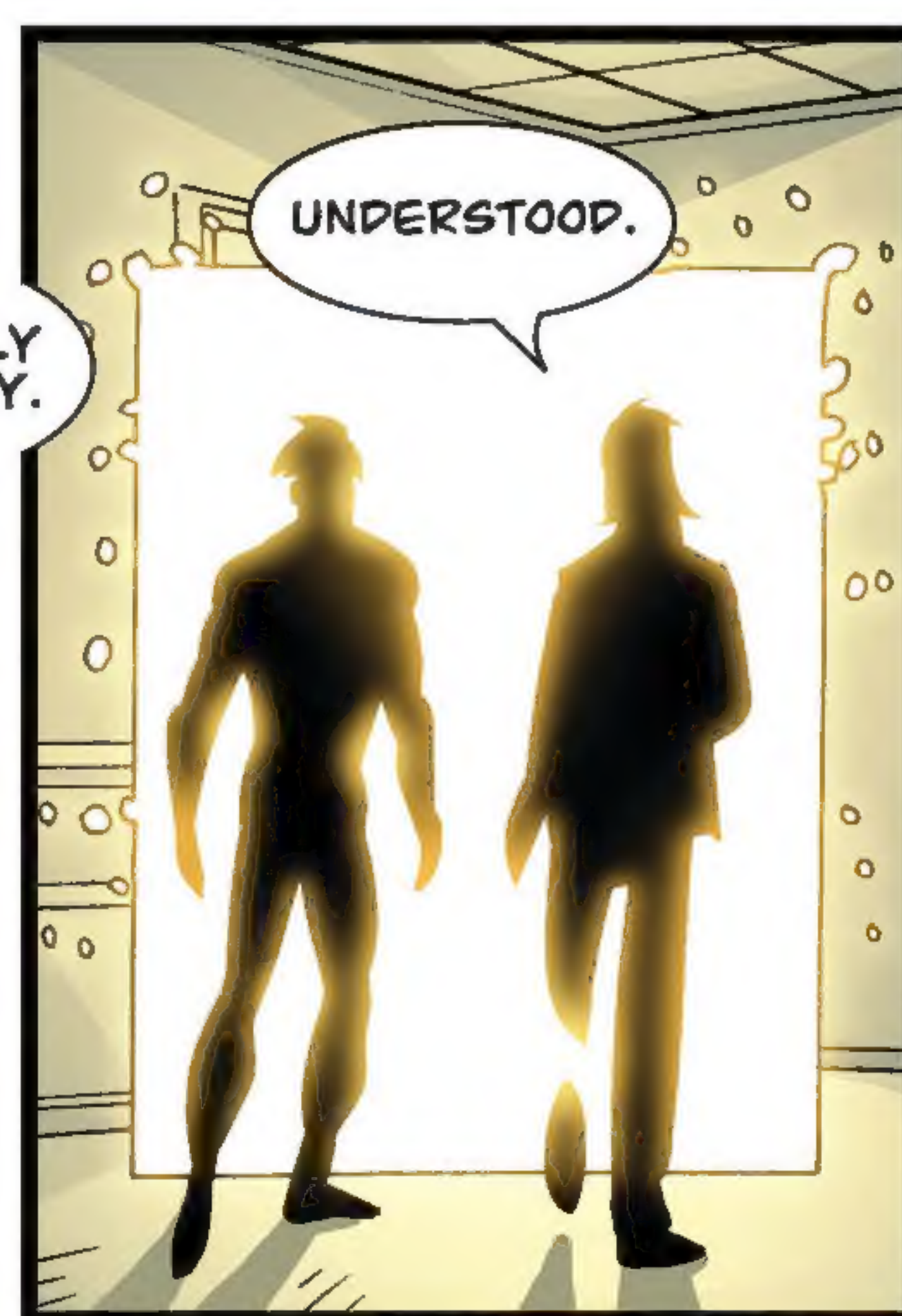
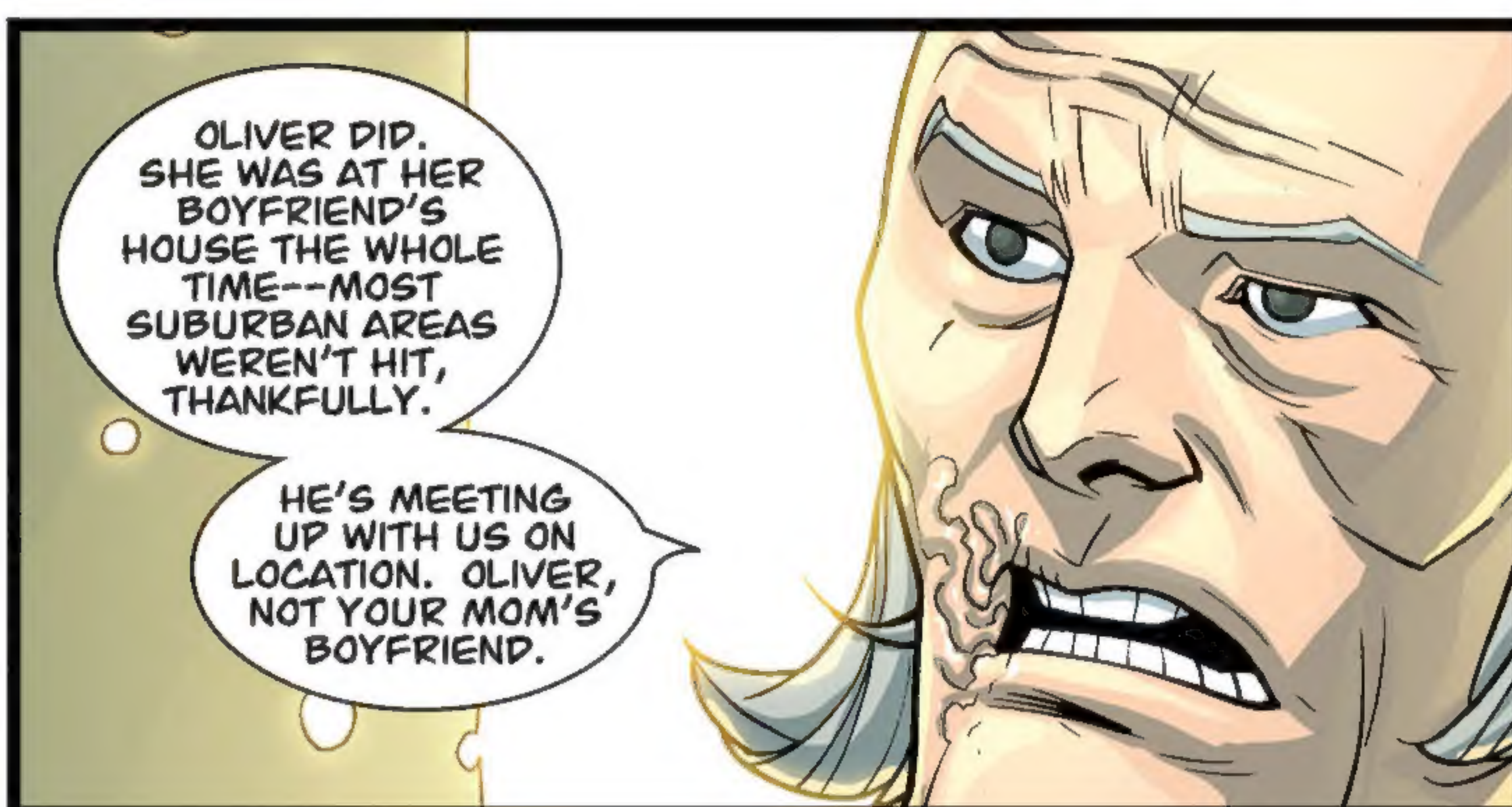
I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES. HE WAS WORKING WITH THEM. INVINCIBLE HAS FINALLY SHOWN HIS TRUE COLORS. IT'S OBVIOUS NOW THAT HIM DEFENDING THE WORLD AGAINST HIS FATHER WAS ALL JUST AN ACT.



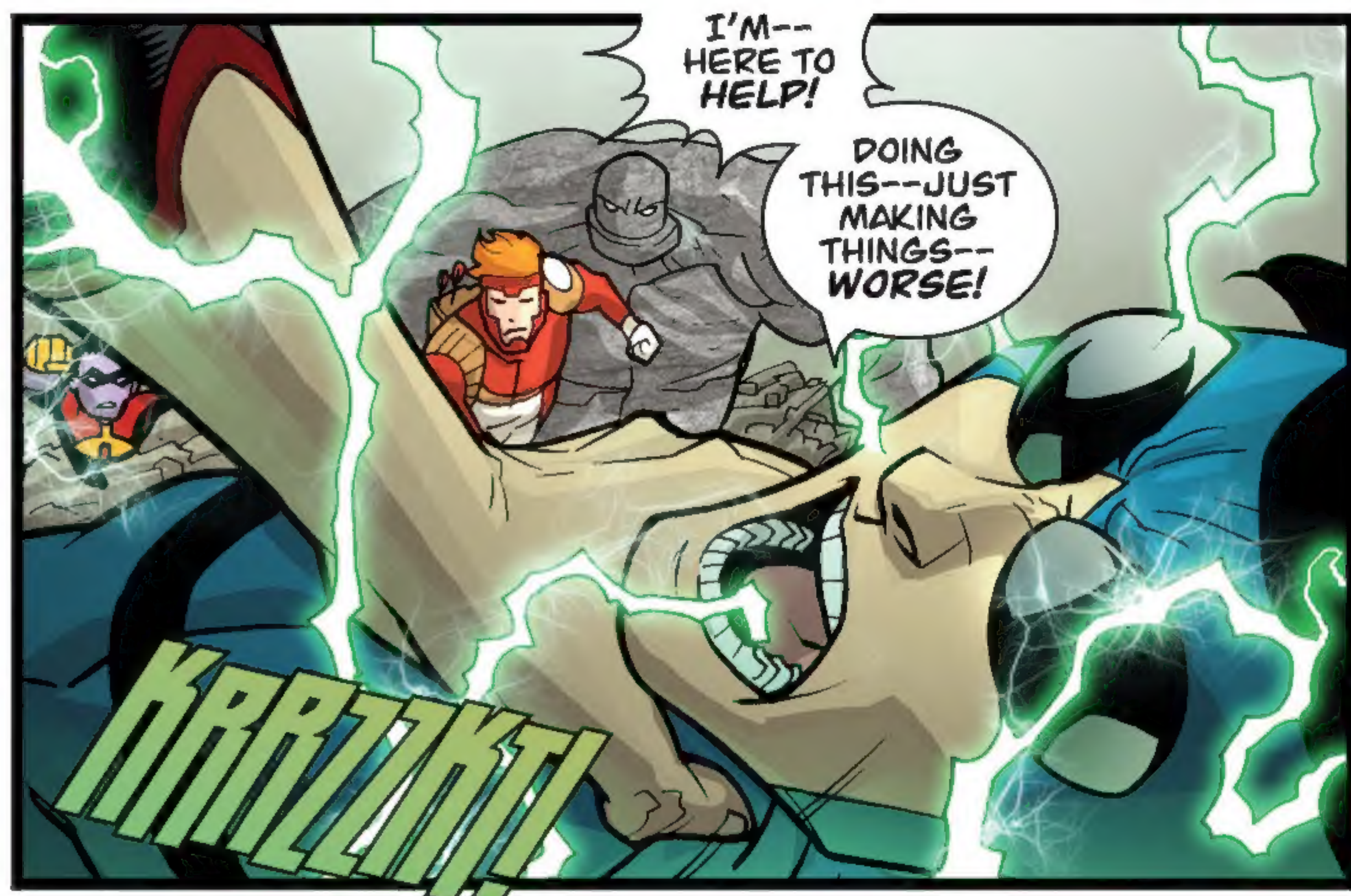
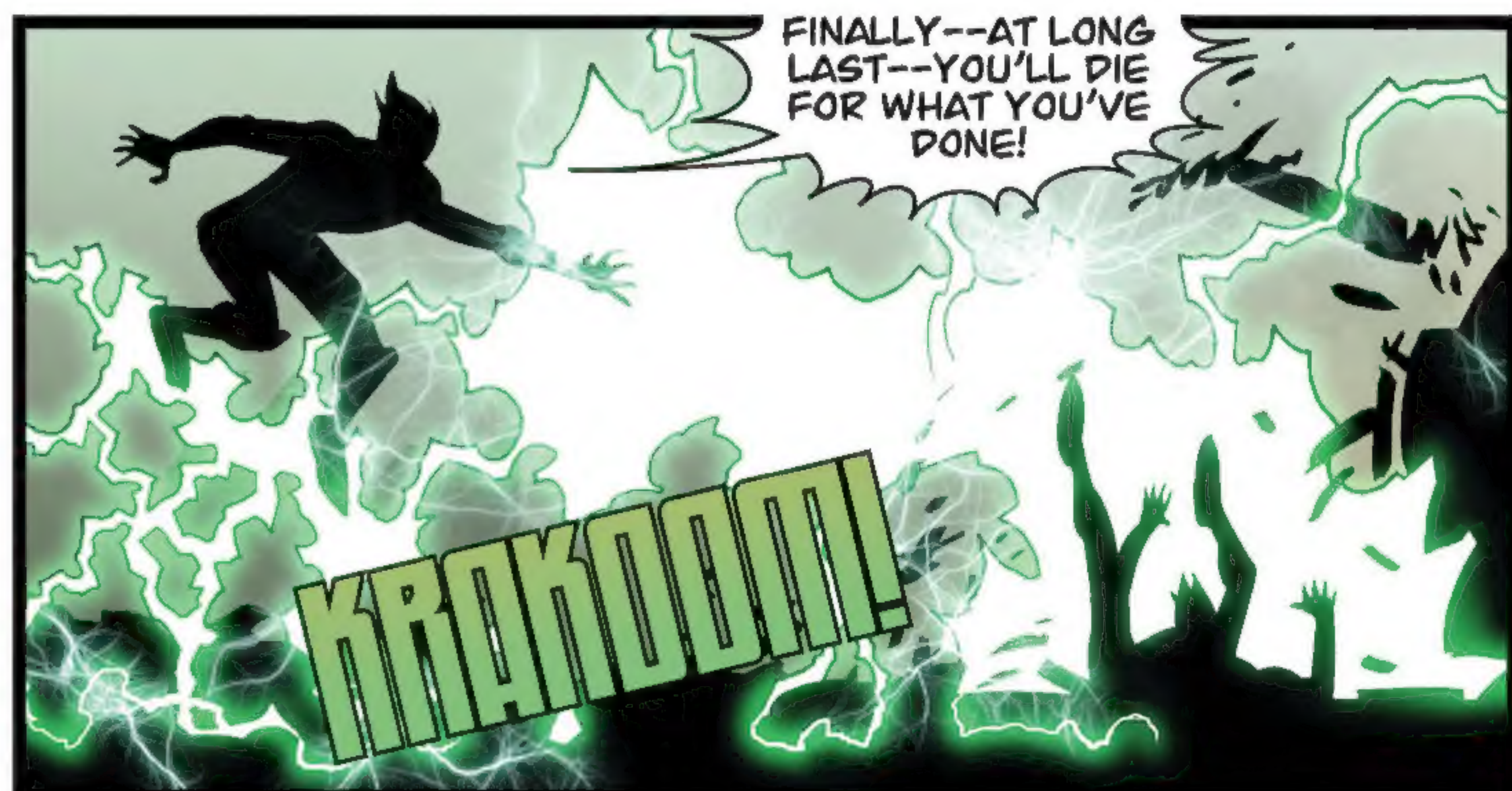
THIS IS ABSURD. THESE THINGS WERE DOPPELGANGERS--EVIL TWINS. I KNOW INVINCIBLE AND HE WASN'T WORKING WITH THEM.

THIS IS SLOPPY REPORTING. IF YOU REVIEWED FOOTAGE FOR TEN MINUTES I'M SURE YOU'D FIND INVINCIBLE, ON CAMERA, FIGHTING AGAINST THESE MONSTERS.



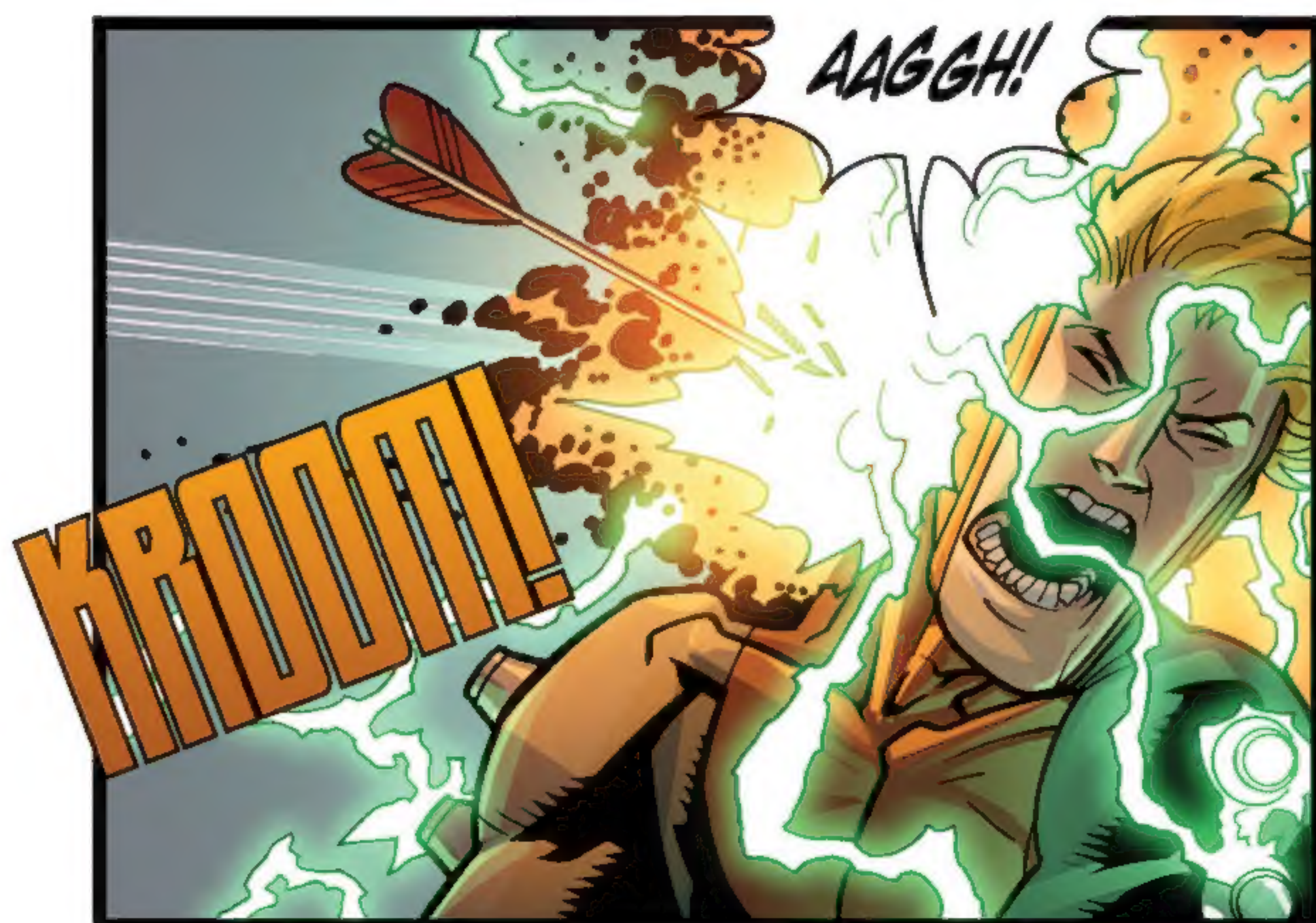






WE DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR THIS--
TAKE HIM DOWN
HARD AND FAST,
PEOPLE!

LET'S
GO!



AAGGH!

KRDN!!!

THINK THEY'VE
GOT THIS ONE
COVERED, KID
THOR.

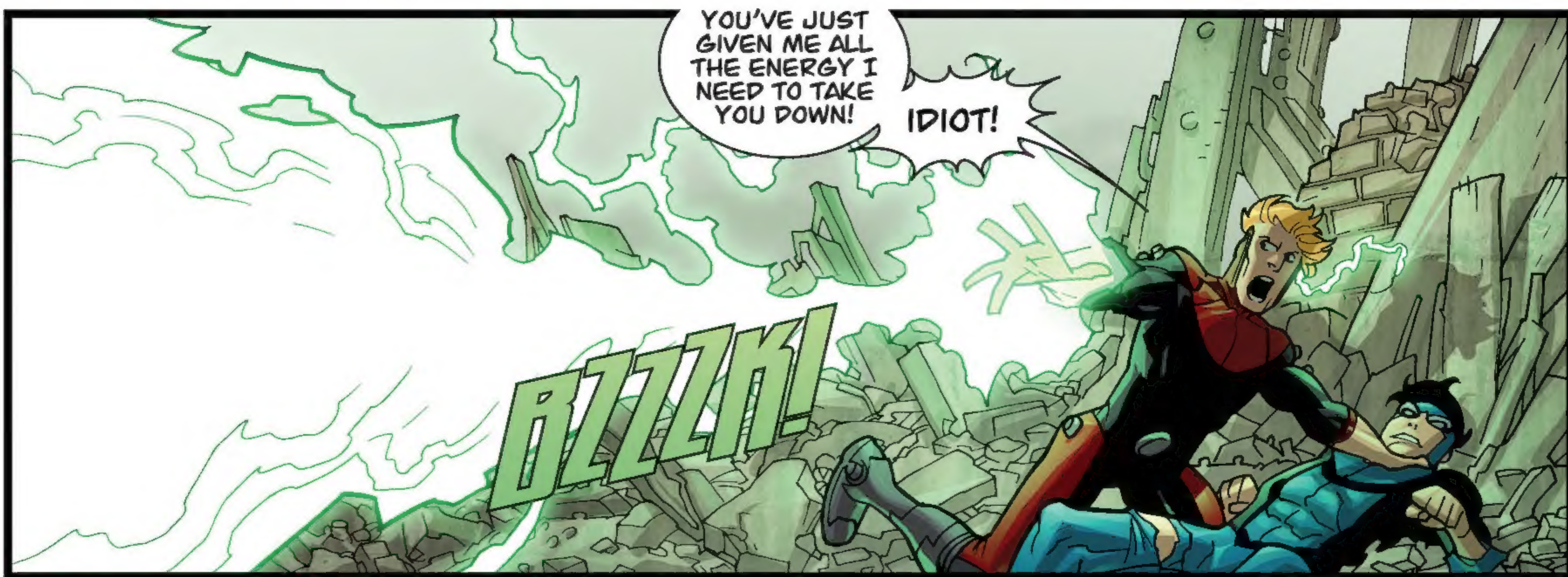
C'MON,
THERE'S
WORK TO
BE DONE,
LIVES TO
SAVE.



YOU'VE JUST
GIVEN ME ALL
THE ENERGY I
NEED TO TAKE
YOU DOWN!

IDIOT!

BZZZZK!



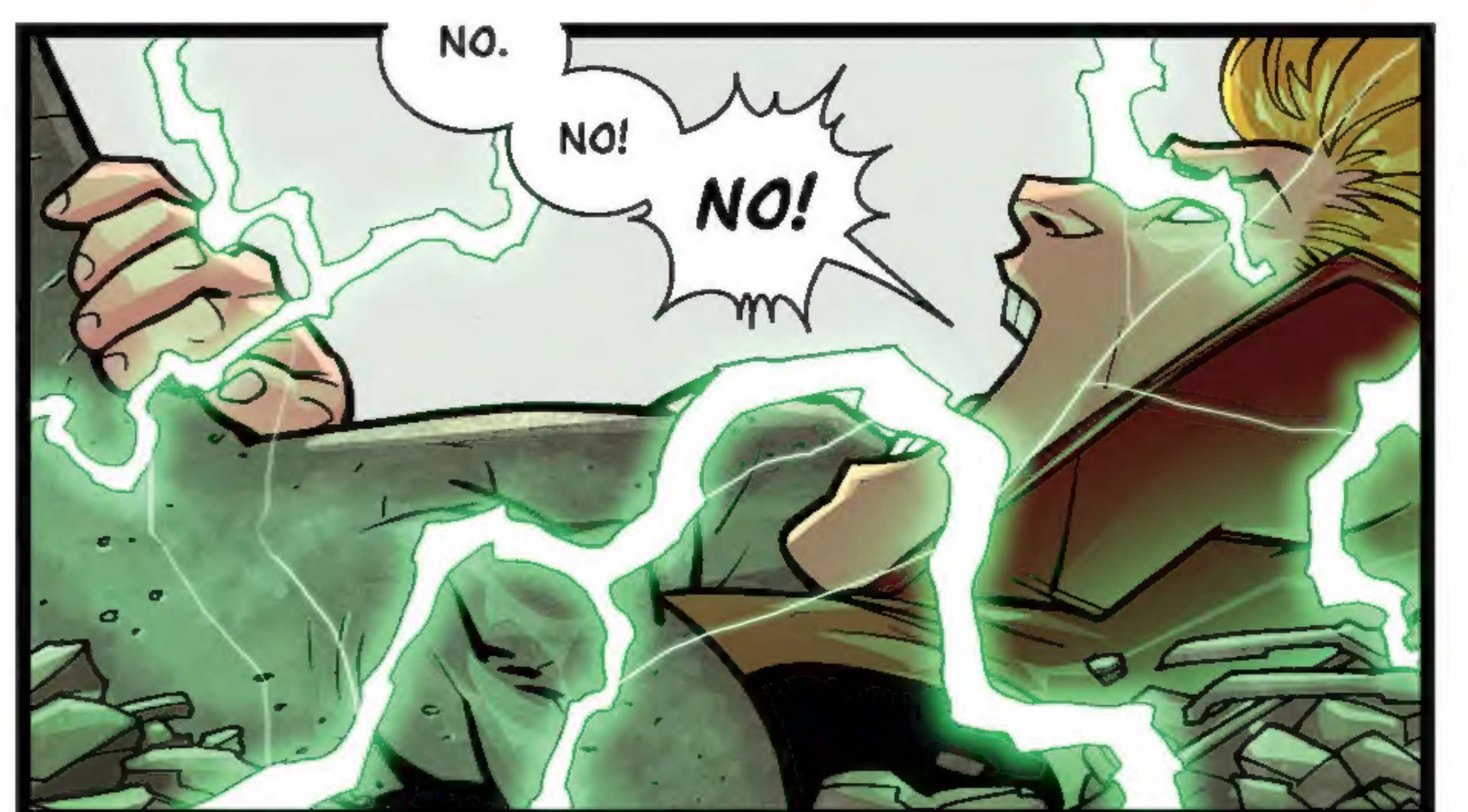
POW!

HERE'S
MORE,
JERK!

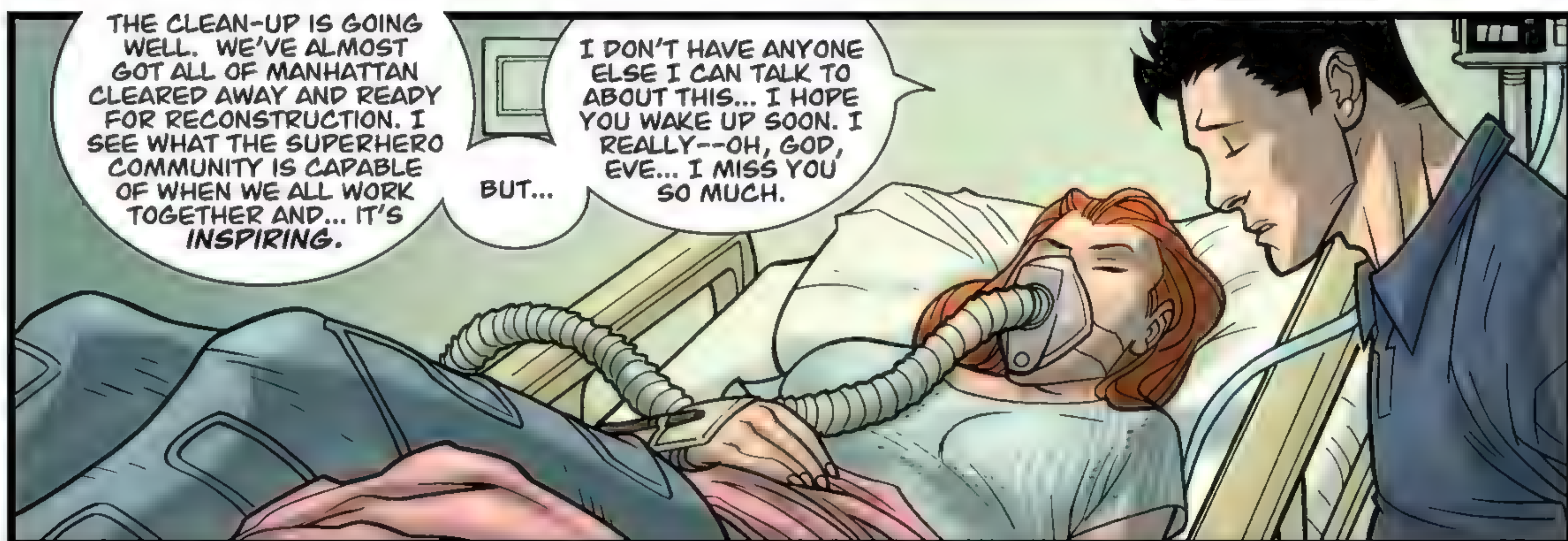
QUICK--
SOMEONE
PIN HIM
DOWN!

DON'T
LET HIM
MOVE!









THE CLEAN-UP IS GOING WELL. WE'VE ALMOST GOT ALL OF MANHATTAN CLEARED AWAY AND READY FOR RECONSTRUCTION. I SEE WHAT THE SUPERHERO COMMUNITY IS CAPABLE OF WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER AND... IT'S INSPIRING.

BUT...

I DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE I CAN TALK TO ABOUT THIS... I HOPE YOU WAKE UP SOON. I REALLY--OH, GOD, EVE... I MISS YOU SO MUCH.



I SEE THE DESTRUCTION, THE LIVES LOST... I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK... POWERPLEX IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

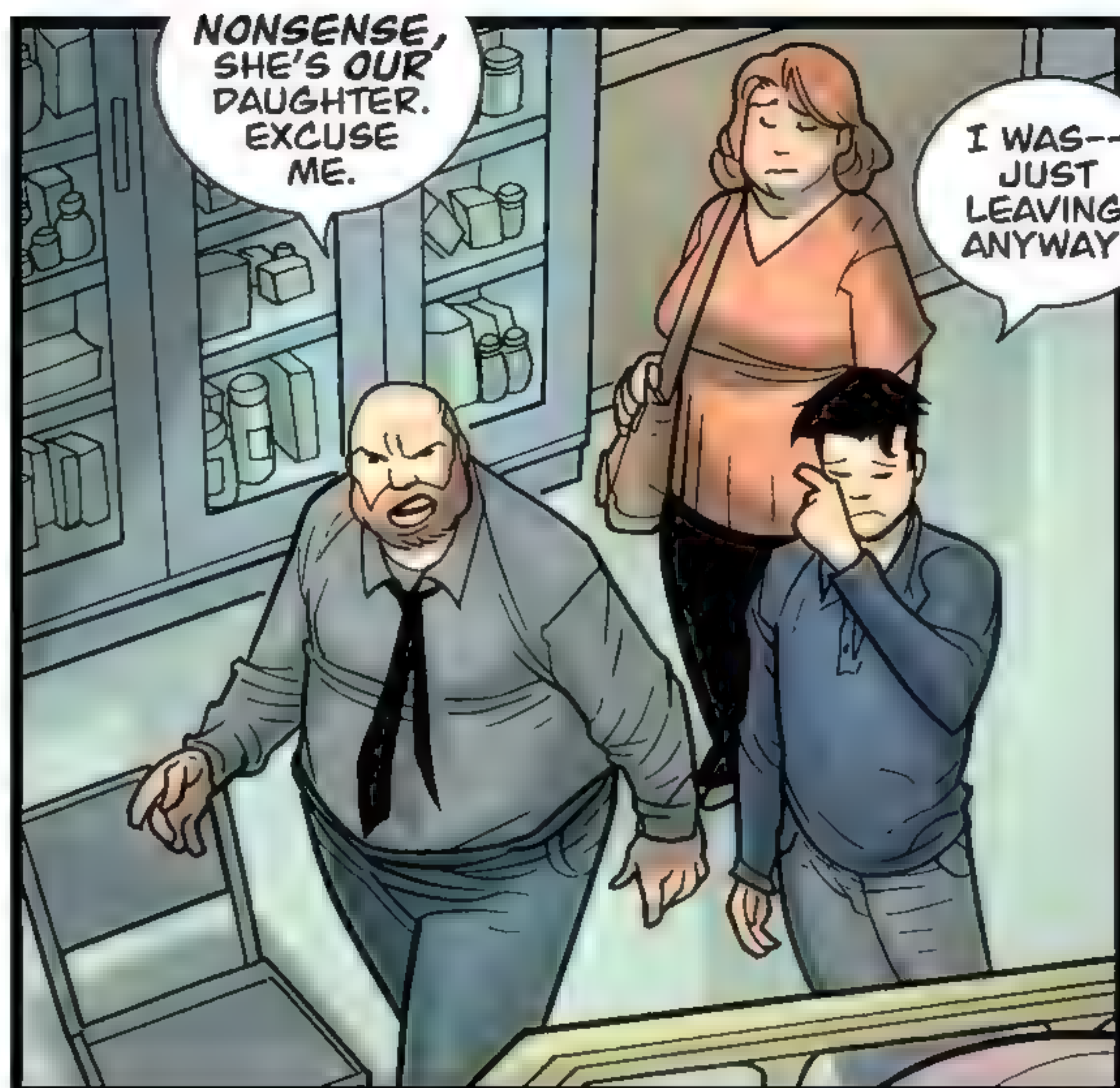
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO... ANGSTROM LEVY, POWERPLEX... THESE GUYS ARE OUT THERE BECAUSE OF ME. THERE'S NO DISPUTING THAT. THEIR ACTIONS ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THINGS I'VE DONE, WHETHER I WAS TRYING TO DO GOOD OR NOT IS IRRELEVANT.

I CAN'T IGNORE THIS GUILT ANYMORE. I CAN'T ESCAPE IT.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO...

UM... EXCUSE US-- WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE--



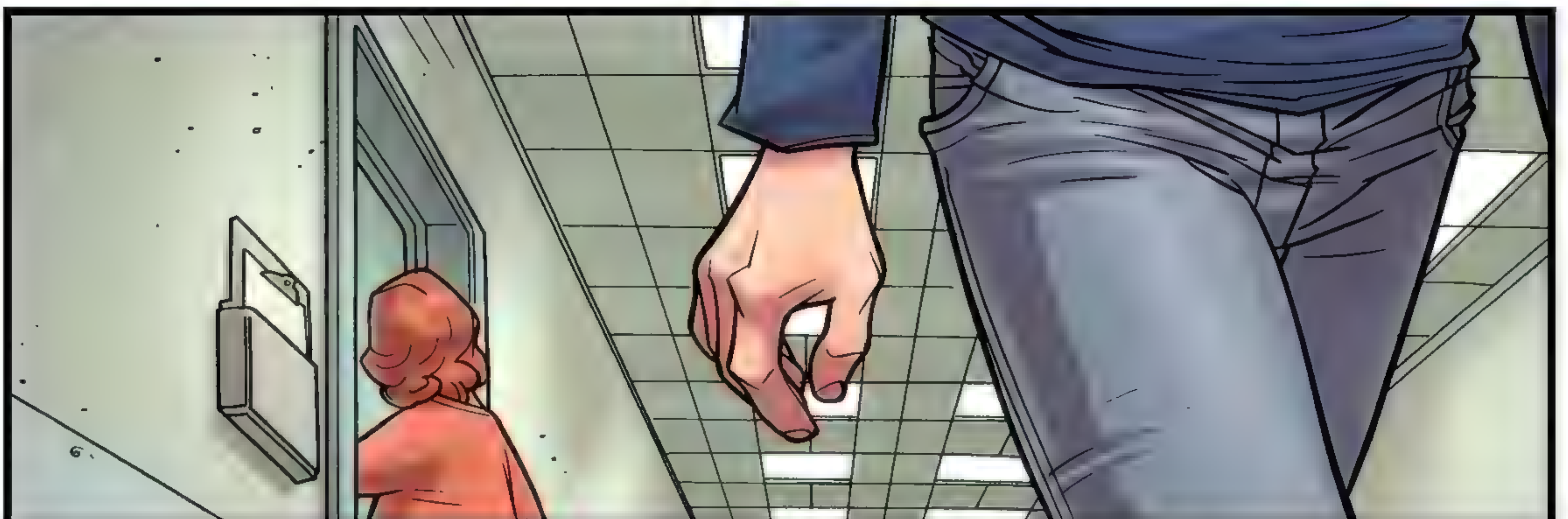
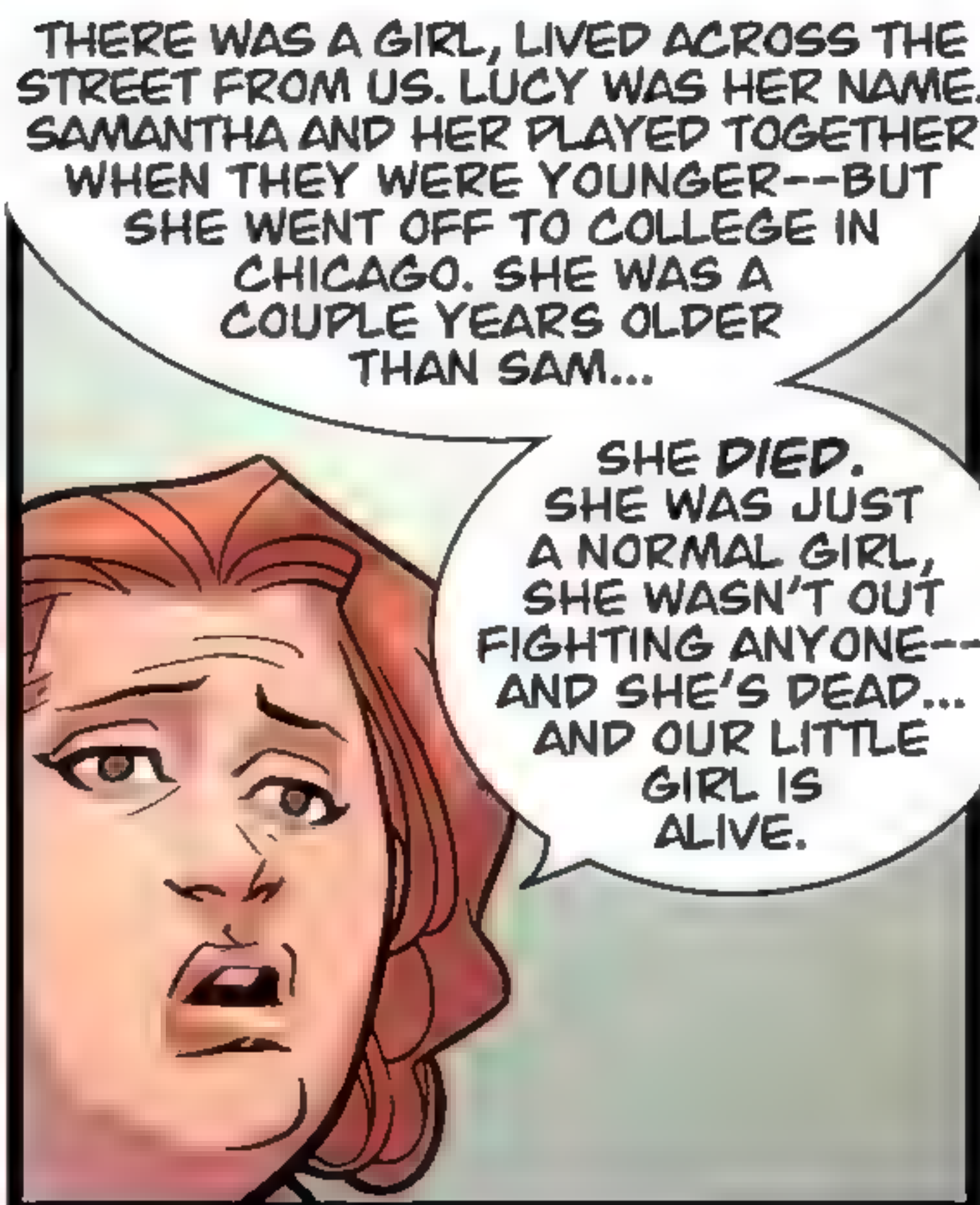
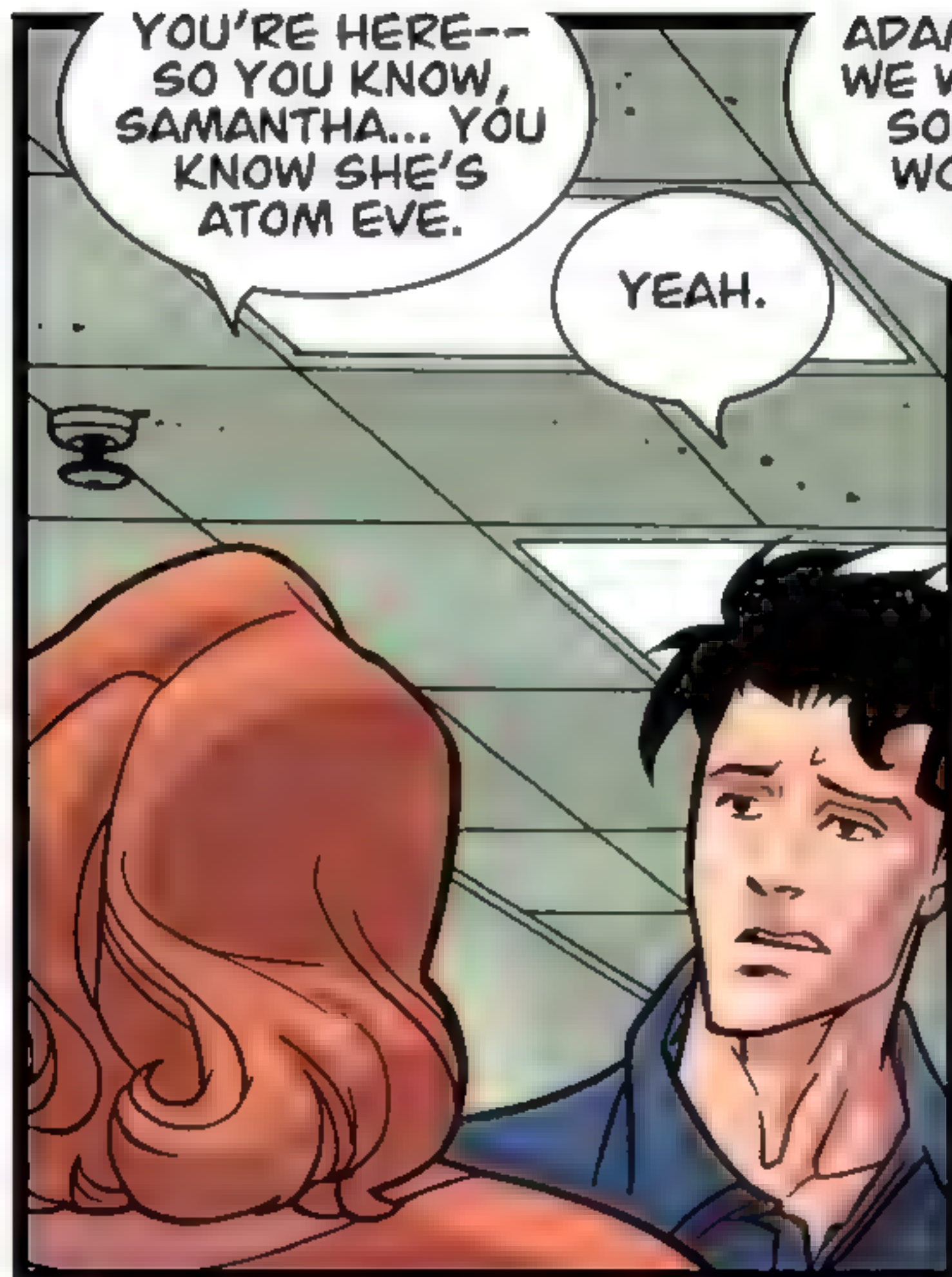
NONSENSE, SHE'S OUR DAUGHTER. EXCUSE ME.

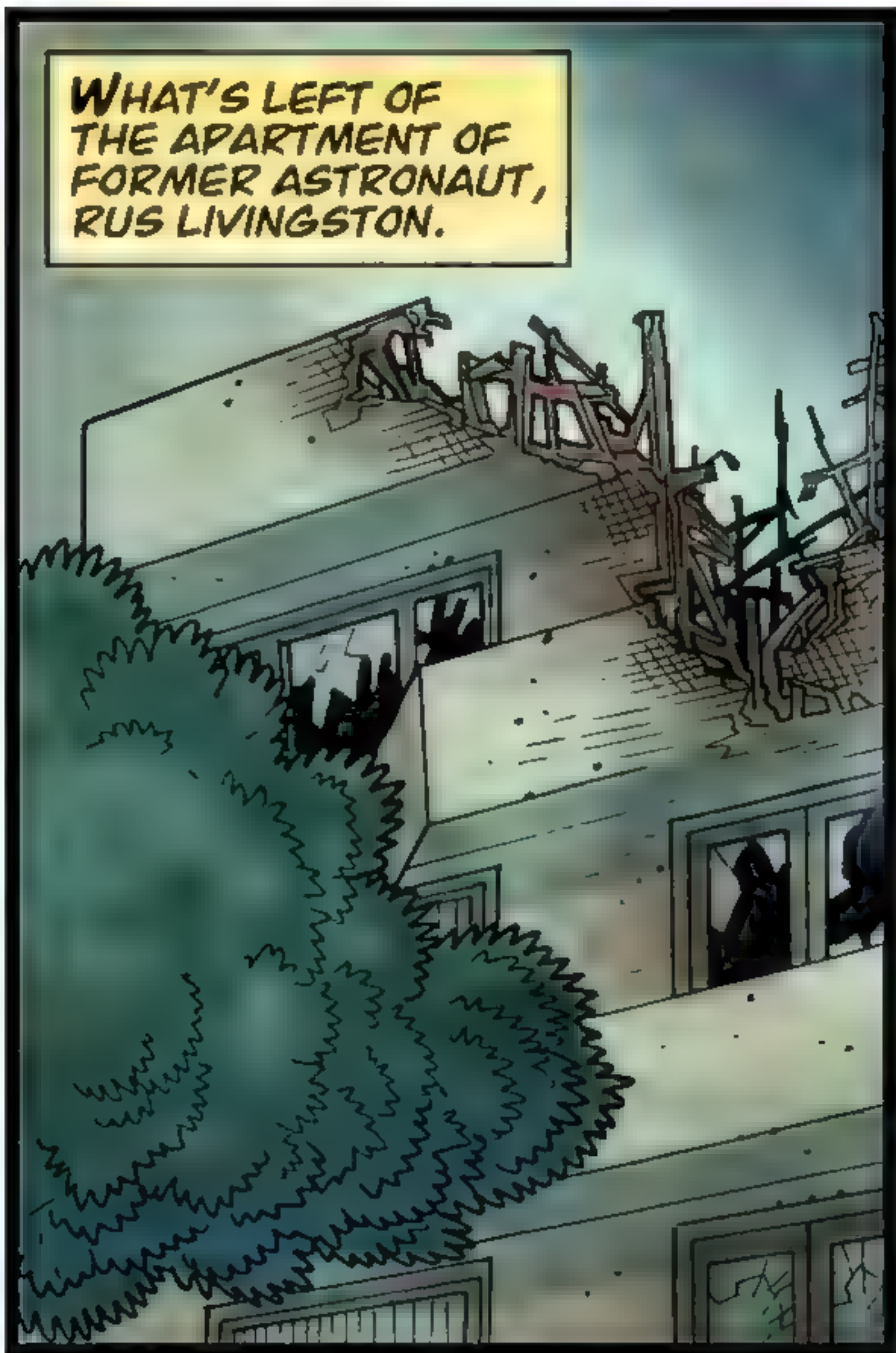
I WAS-- JUST LEAVING ANYWAY.



UM... MARK-- RIGHT? I REMEMBER YOU COMING TO SEE SAMANTHA AT THE HOUSE.

YEAH, SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO JUST WALK AWAY IN THERE.





WHAT'S LEFT OF THE APARTMENT OF FORMER ASTRONAUT, RUS LIVINGSTON.



THIRD FLOOR'S CLEAR.

YEAH-- I THINK THAT'S IT.



DID YOU SEE THAT?!

YEAH! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT THING?!

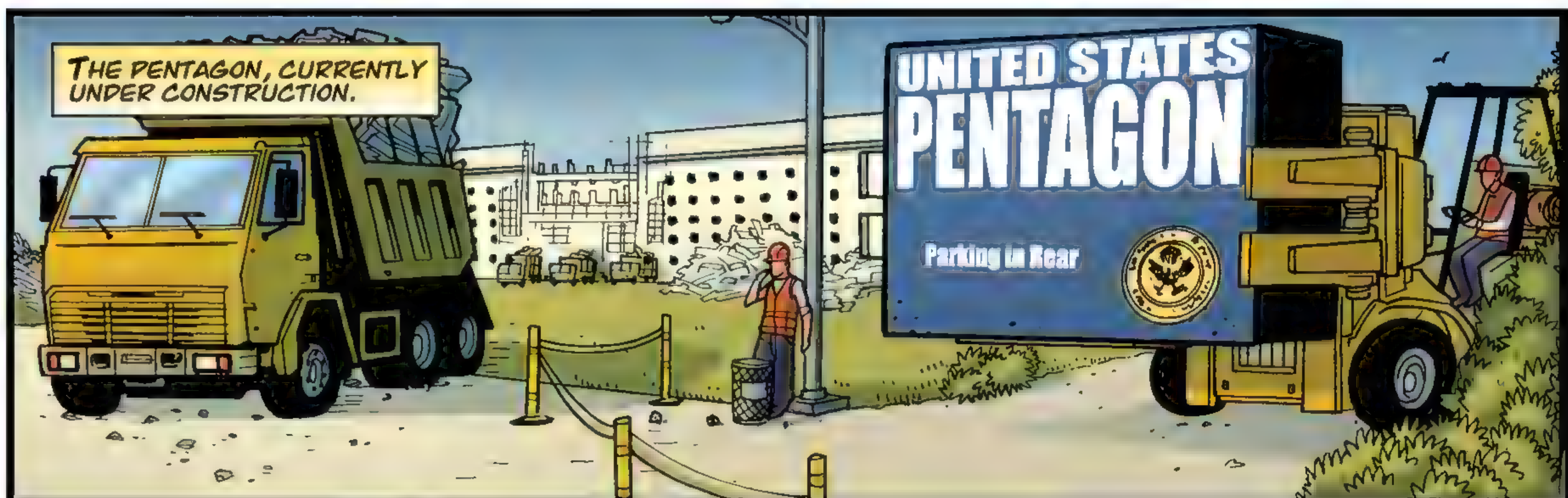


I NEED A NEW PLACE TO LIVE--A BIGGER PLACE.

YOU WILL HELP ME FIND IT.

GRAAAGH!

YEEAAGH!!





IMMORTAL AND DUPLI-KATE ARE RETIRING. DARKWING IS DEAD, SHAPESMITH IS INJURED--THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE ARE OUT OF COMMISSION.

THE WORLD IS LARGELY UNDEFENDED.

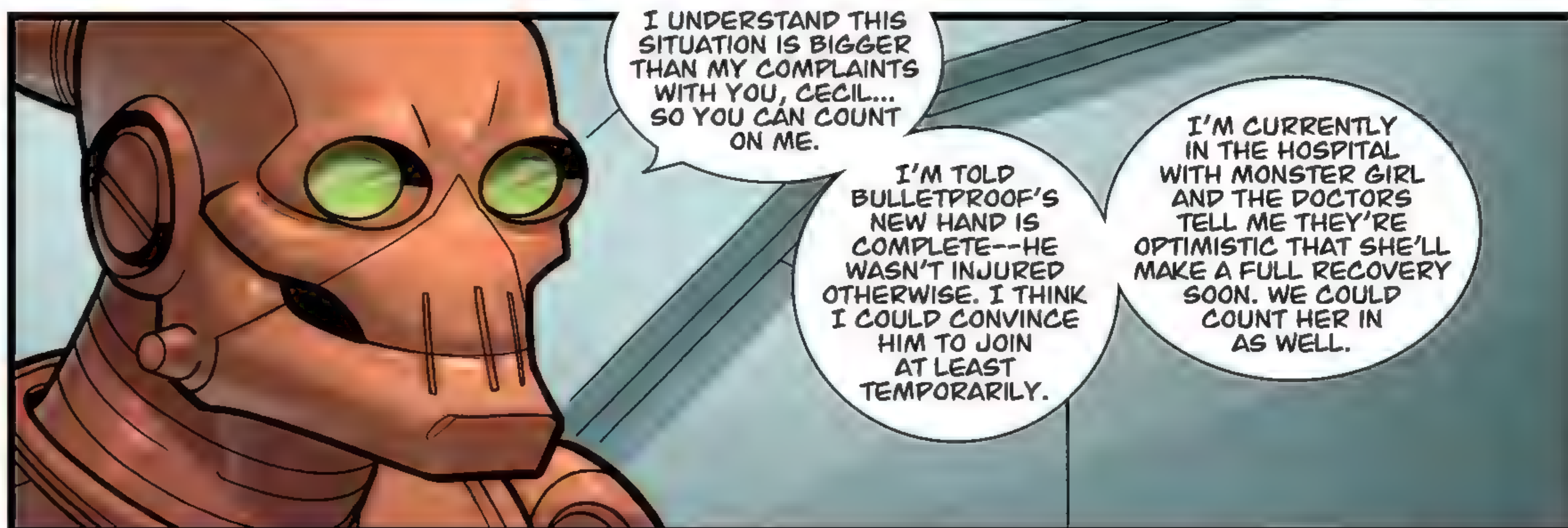
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, FAST. THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU ALL HERE, DESPITE THE PAST DIFFERENCES I'VE HAD WITH SOME OF YOU.



SHAPESMITH SHOULD BE BACK UP TO SPEED SOON, HE HAS SOMETHING HE CALLS A "CORE" AND AS LONG AS THAT'S NOT DAMAGED HE SAYS HE'LL BE FINE. SO HE WAS LUCKY.

MORE LIKE WE WERE LUCKY. IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FORMING A NEW TEAM, WE HAVE VERY FEW OPTIONS RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S THE MAIN ISSUE-- WE NEED A NEW TEAM RIGHT NOW. I DON'T THINK THE ENEMIES OF THE WORLD WILL BE KIND ENOUGH TO TAKE A BREAK WHILE WE REBUILD.



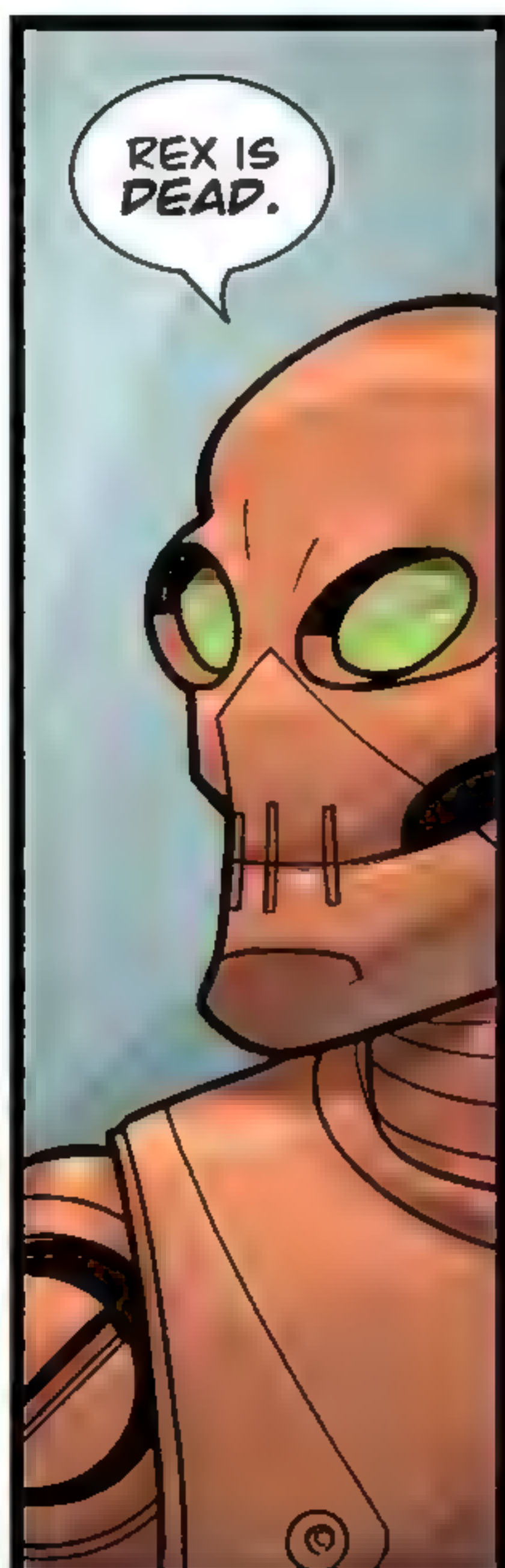
I UNDERSTAND THIS SITUATION IS BIGGER THAN MY COMPLAINTS WITH YOU, CECIL... SO YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

I'M TOLD BULLETPROOF'S NEW HAND IS COMPLETE--HE WASN'T INJURED OTHERWISE. I THINK I COULD CONVINCE HIM TO JOIN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

I'M CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL WITH MONSTER GIRL AND THE DOCTORS TELL ME THEY'RE OPTIMISTIC THAT SHE'LL MAKE A FULL RECOVERY SOON. WE COULD COUNT HER IN AS WELL.



WHAT ABOUT REX SPLODE?



REX IS DEAD.



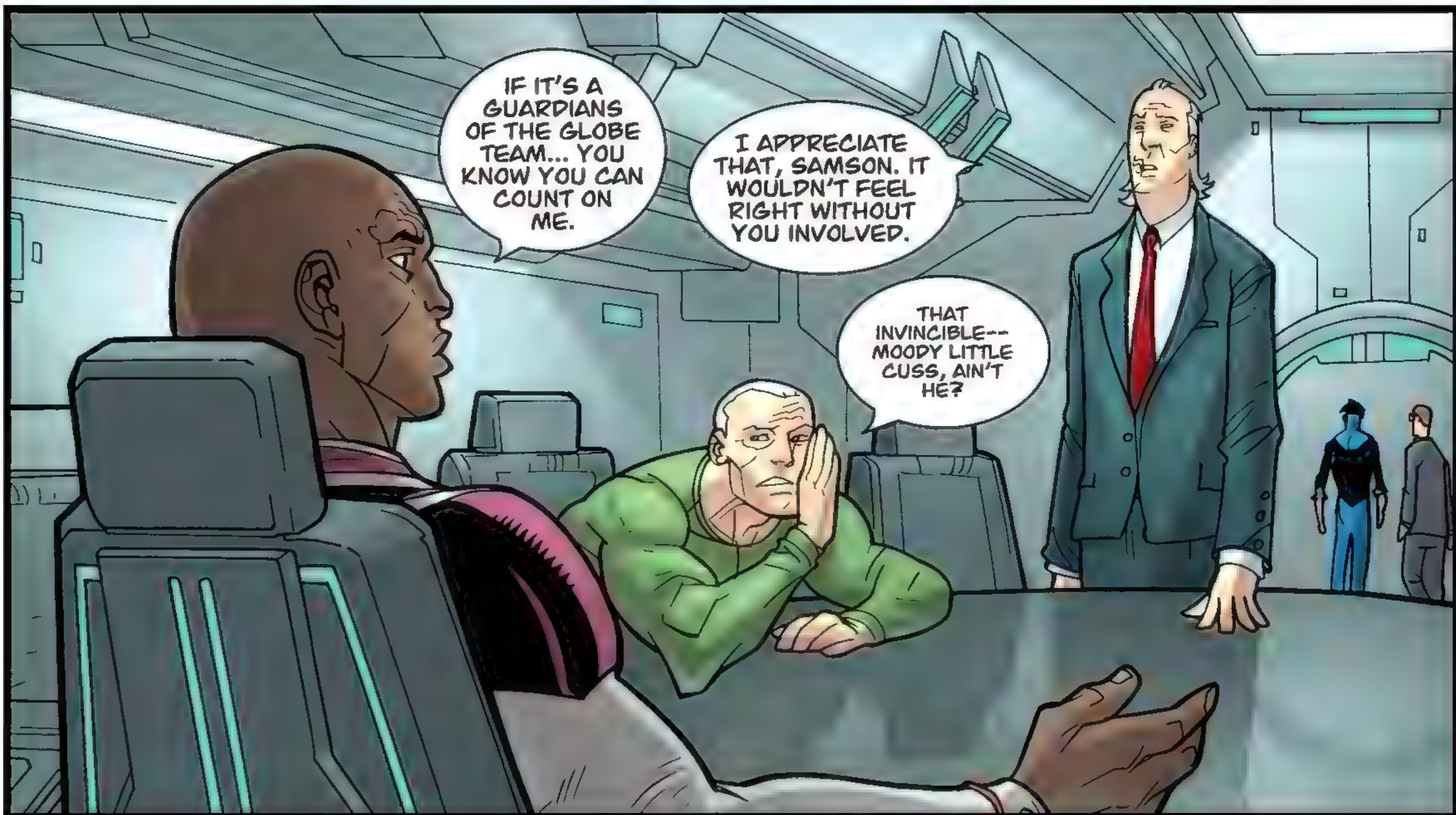
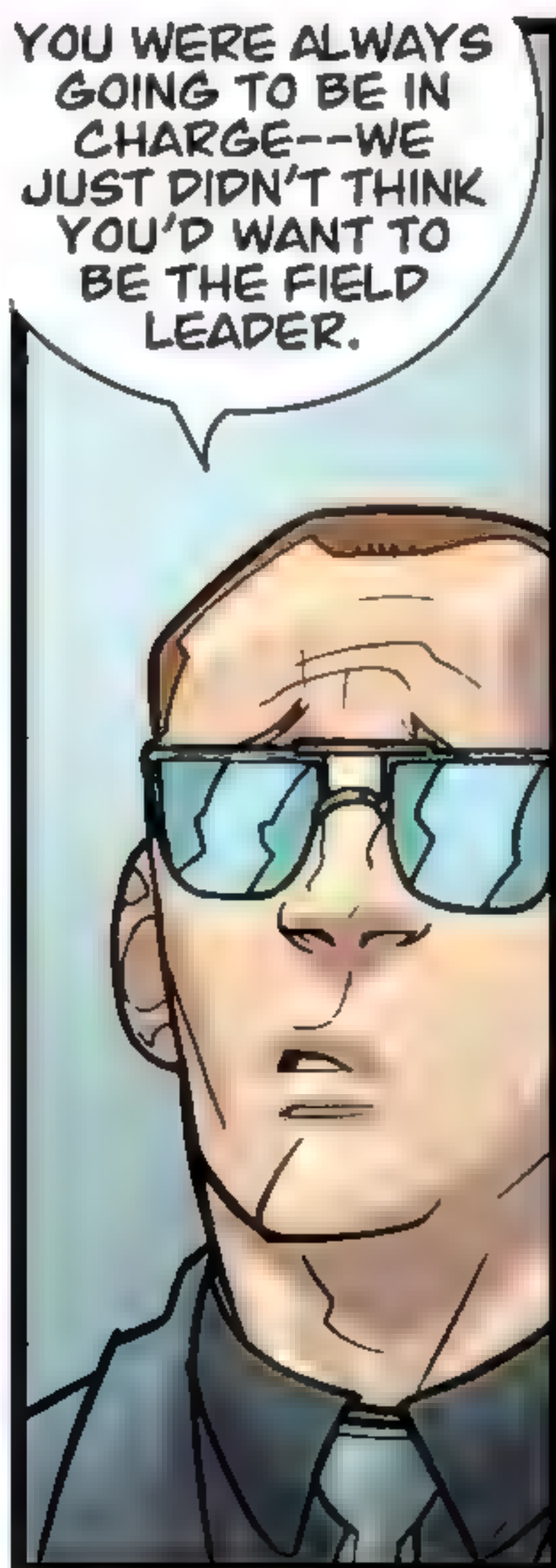
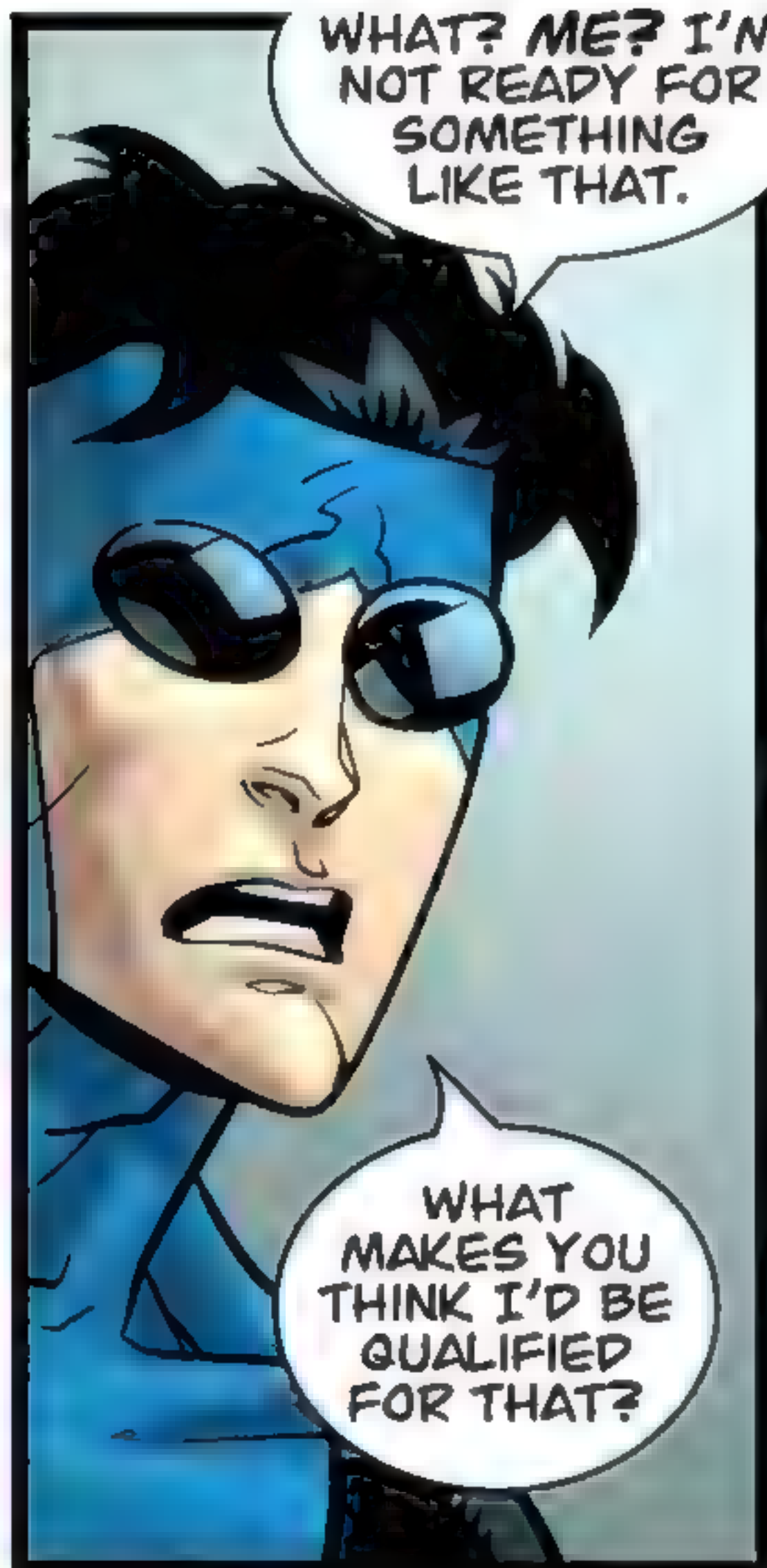
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT NOW.

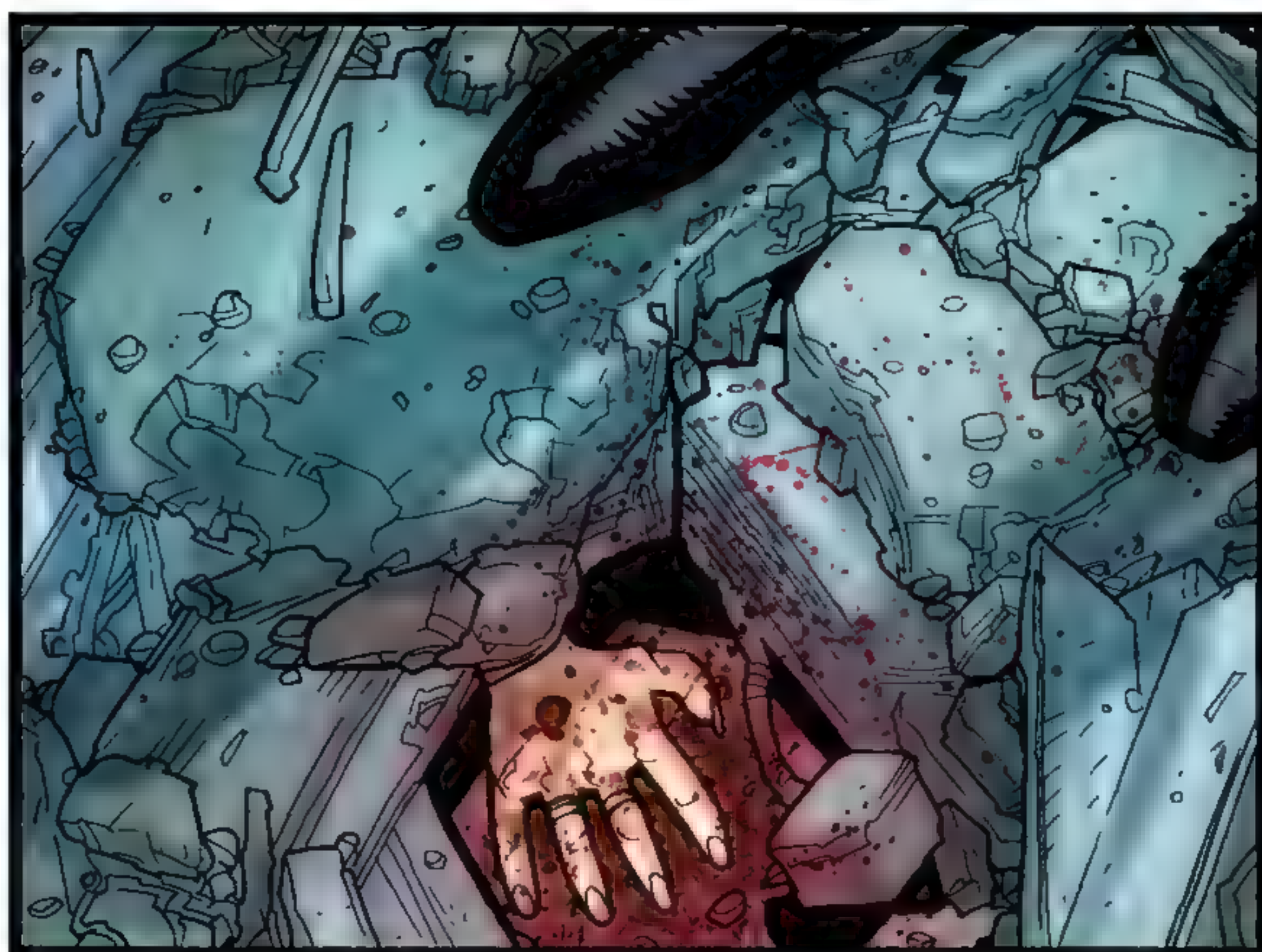
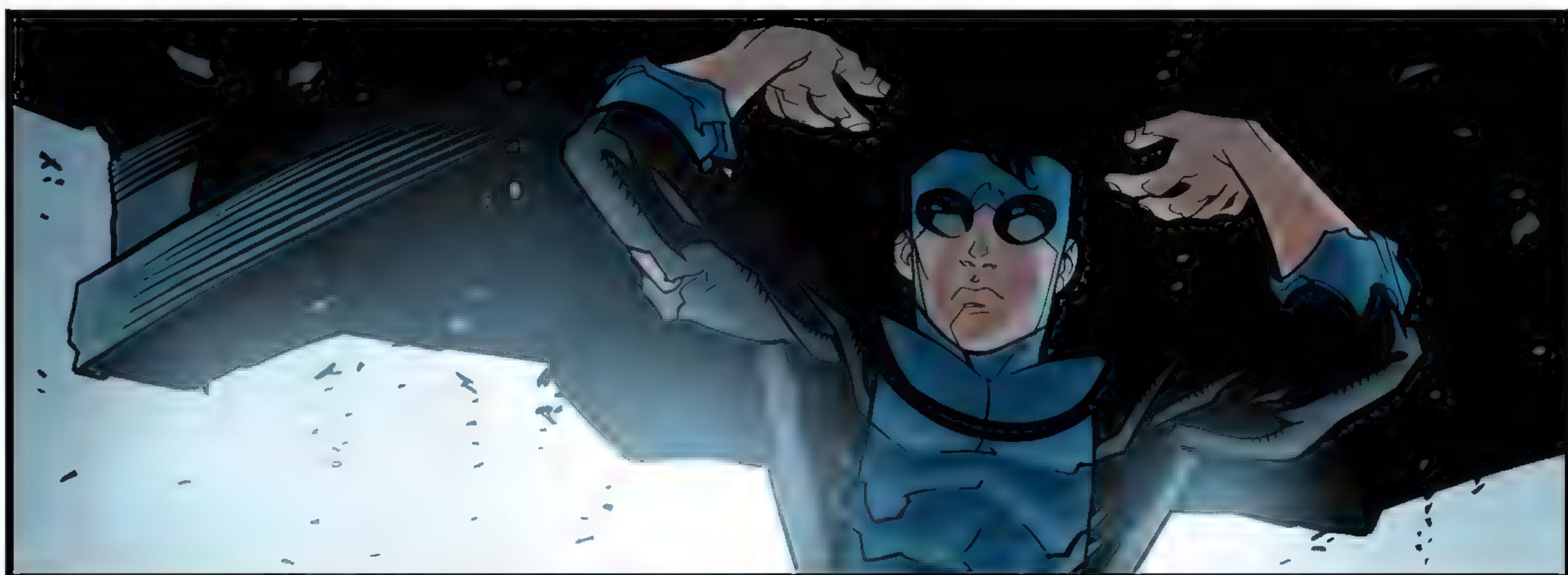
WE NEED TO GET THIS TEAM UP AND RUNNING BEFORE ANYONE REALIZES HOW VULNERABLE WE ARE.

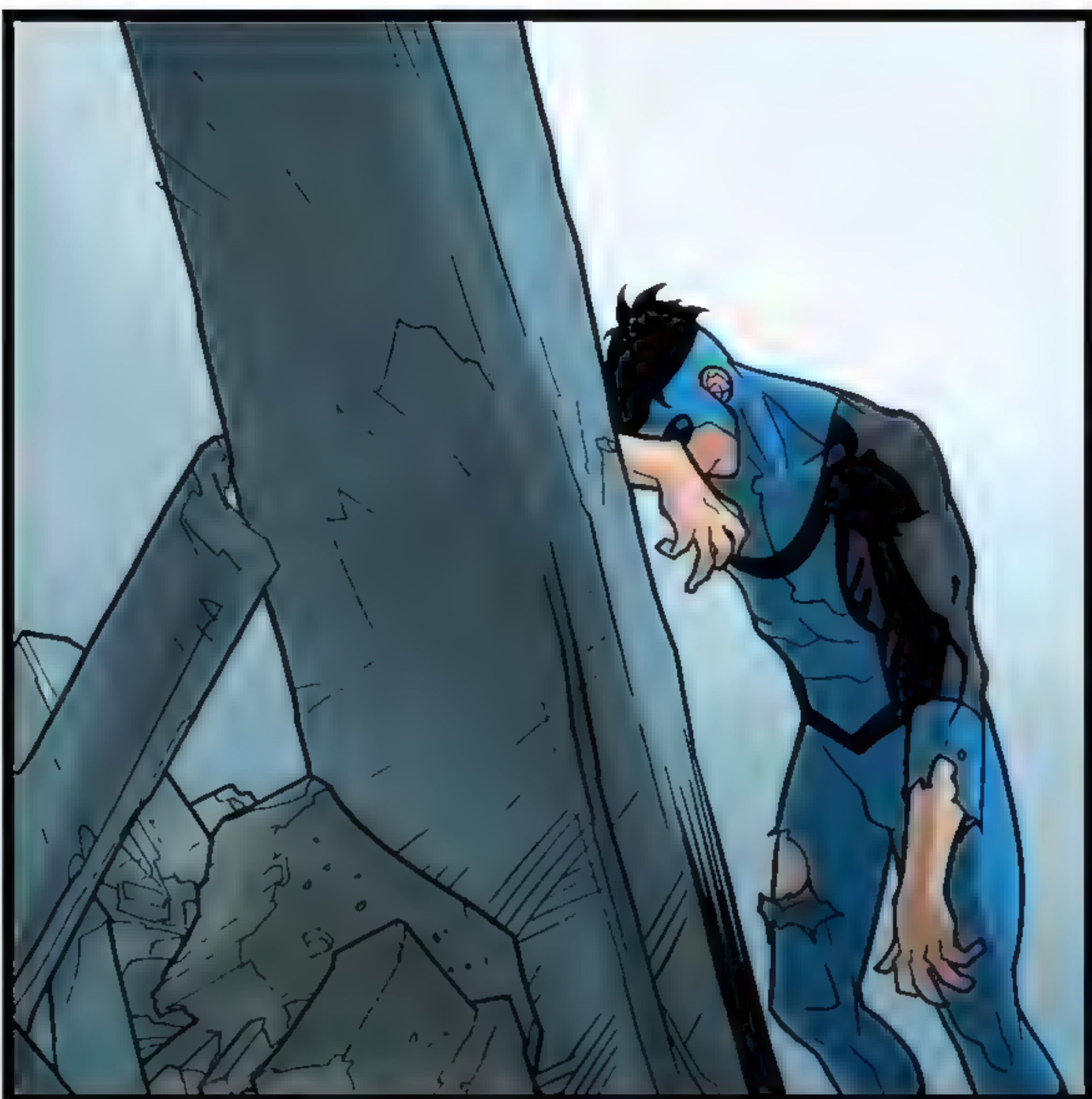
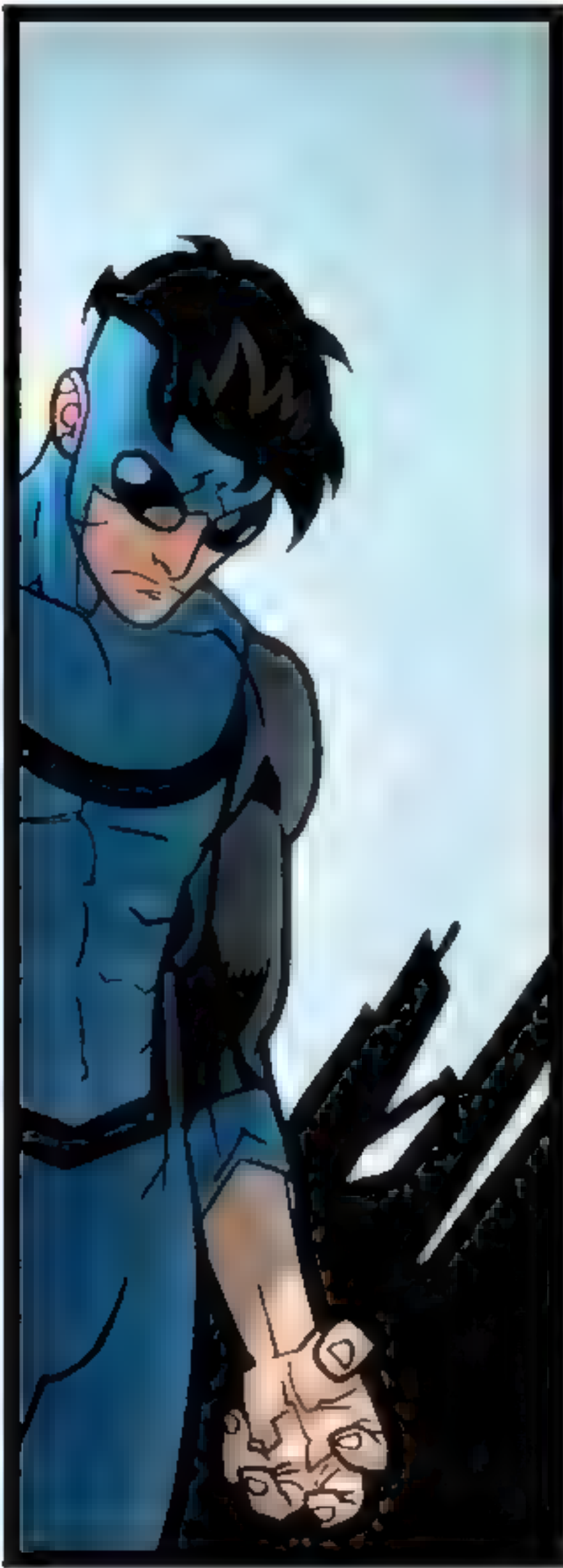
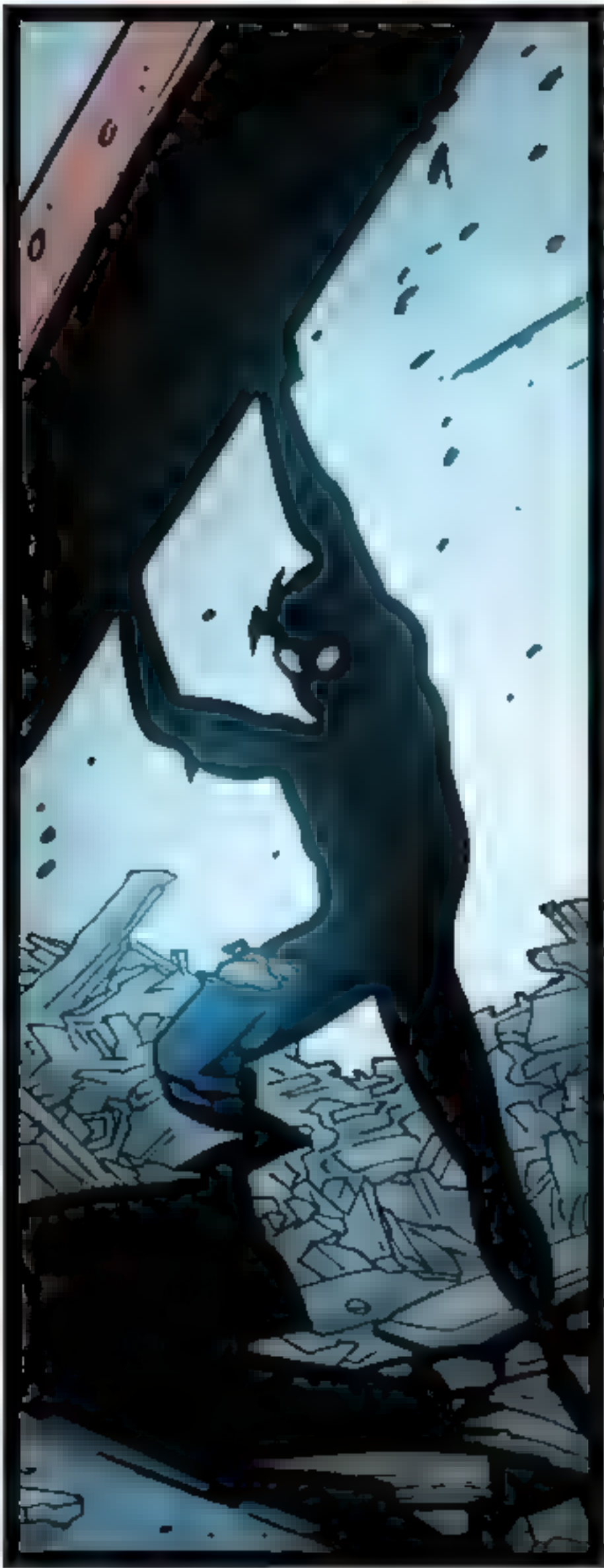


I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE WORKING FOR YOU UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHY AM I HERE?









YOU HAVE
BEEN APPOINTED
THE VILTRUMITE
AGENT OF THIS
PLANET, CHARGED
WITH PREPARING IT
FOR EVENTUAL
TAKEOVER BY
OUR EMPIRE.

I AM HERE
TO CONFIRM YOUR
PROGRESS MADE
TOWARD THAT TASK...
IF THERE IS NONE,
I WILL ASSUME
YOUR DUTIES AND
TAKE OVER.

IF YOU
OPPOSE ME.
I WILL KILL
YOU.

